

HOUSE BILL 1547

By Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 36; Title 37 and Title 71, relative to children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department shall not require an individual or members of the individual's household to undergo an immunization as a condition of adopting a child under this chapter, if the individual provides to the department:

- (1) Written notice that the individual objects to the immunization on religious grounds; or
- (2) Written certification from a physician that the immunization is or may be detrimental to the individual's health.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 2, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department of children's services shall not require an individual or members of the individual's household to undergo an immunization as a condition of overseeing a child in foster care under this chapter, if the individual provides to the department:

- (1) Written notice that the individual objects to the immunization on religious grounds; or
- (2) Written certification from a physician that the immunization is or may be detrimental to the individual's health.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.